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1. Balatonkiliti Airfield is south of Siofok on the west side of the road that connects Ságvár with Siofok. It is 2,000 by 1,000 m.
2. The field is on a plateau, bounded on all sides by low hills. Before 1945 it was the Siofok Sport Airfield, and the official name still denominates it as a sport field of the Hungarian air group (MRSZ).
3. The ground is a red loam which does not let water through easily. Preparations for drainage were made some time ago, but the work has never been carried through. During the spring and fall rains the field is unusable. The use of the field is also hindered by the fact that there are often fogs from the lake in the morning. At the north end of the field there is an obstacle in the form of the smokestack of a brick factory, and on the south side there are the two church towers of Ságvár.
4. The structures consist of: a command building; a two-story quarters; a one-story quarters; two wooden barracks; an assembly hall and magazine. All are quite new. There is no visible radio station, and no direction station or radar. There is no concrete runway.
5. The Hungarian Air Group has been promised that the field will be enlarged and rebuilt. It is believed that in the spring of 1954 a Hungarian air school will be installed.
6. During the summer of 1953 the field was used by both Soviet and Hungarian fighters. They came in small units and always left again almost immediately. At the field at present there is only a Hungarian guard company of 20 or 22 men.

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